



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
COMMISSION MEETING  
January 13, 2005**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary Dawson Harris called the meeting of the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD) to order at 12:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Members Present**

Alexander Britton  
Joshua Butler  
Frances Dawson Harris  
Flora Easter  
Shauna Hagemann  
Dan Hansch  
Diana Lejins  
Chris Leonard  
George Miller  
William Serhan  
Shirley Shouse  
Valoria Tate  
Joy Tshako

**Members Absent**

David Morris  
Willa Heart

**Staff Present**

Dora Jones  
Katherine Bussi

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 9, 2004**

Commissioner Lejins made a motion for the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Britton seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval of the December 9, 2004 minutes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Secretary Dawson Harris wished the Commission a happy New Year on behalf of Chairperson Morris. Secretary Dawson Harris stated that she had several motions to put forth today, therefore she would have to step down as acting Chairperson this meeting and invited Commissioner Hagemann to serve as Chairperson. Commissioner Miller made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hagemann as Chairperson. Commissioner Lejins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**STAFF REPORT**

Dora Jones stated that staff had complimentary tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific's Festival of Human Abilities. In addition, she stated that the Volunteer Team Program which tracks volunteer hours and sponsors the Volunteer Luncheon no longer exists; therefore staff is no longer tracking volunteer hours. Ms. Jones welcomed the two new commissioners.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Dawson Harris read a letter she submitted to the Commission regarding information obtained from Attorney Mike Mais. She distributed both the letter and the informational correspondence. In addition, she gave a summary of the informational correspondence. Commissioner Shouse made a motion to receive and file Commissioner Dawson Harris' letter and the informational correspondence. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (3-minute time limit)

Accessibility & Transportation Committee - Commissioner Dawson Harris stated that a second letter dated December 14, 2004 had been sent to Access Services Inc's (ASI) with additional information and clarification regarding their 2005 Proposed Para transit Plan Update. In addition, she reported that ASI's Board of Directors meeting will be held January 24, 2005 from 1-3 p.m. Voting on the proposed plan will occur at this meeting, ASI riders are encouraged to attend.

Commission Dawson Harris stated that Long Beach Transit's public hearings on proposed fare increases are scheduled for February 28, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Dan Rosenfeld from Long Beach Transit answered some questions regarding the proposed fare increases. Commissioner Butler made a motion to receive and file the report. Commissioner Lejins seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hansch made a motion to amend the committee's report to include the sentence, all public comments need to be received by March 7, 2005. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Employment Committee – Commissioner Hagemann had no report.

Programs and Services Committee – Commissioner Lejins stated the Aquarium is looking for volunteers for the Festival of Human Abilities and that the disabled community could attend the event for free by presenting the flyer. In addition, she stated the committee is collecting information, which is one of their objectives. Commissioner Dawson Harris motion to receive and file the report. Commissioner Easter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Youth Committee – Commissioner Miller had no report, but stated that the year ended with the 2004 Awards Recognition Luncheon.

Other Committees – Recognition Luncheon Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Lejins thanked everyone that assisted in making the luncheon an outstanding and festive event. In addition, she stated that she completed a large part of the project, with the assistance of Chairperson Morris and Dora Jones. Commissioner Lejins stated that the ad hoc committee members participated as much as they were available or inclined to do so, she recommended that if a Commissioner joined an ad hoc committee they should be willing to fully participate on the committee. Commissioner Lejins suggested that clarification of the three CACoD events involving awards should be written down for future ad hoc committees including clear, consistent criteria for the awards. In addition, she suggested that all ad hoc committees should be formed earlier to facilitate the completion and approval of the event by the whole commission. Commissioner Lejins reminded the Commission that all ad hoc committees are recommending bodies to the Commission and must report back to the Commission for a final decision on any project. Commissioner Dawson Harris made a motion to receive and file the report. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Butler made a motion to amend the committee's report to include, the chairperson of an ad hoc committee should convene at least once for a face to face meeting with all ad hoc committee members. Commissioner Lejins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Butler made a motion to go out of order and place New Business before Old Business. Commissioner Easter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

The two new Commissioners, Chris Leonard and Joy Tshako introduced themselves and gave a short biography.

Geoff Hall, Special Projects Officer for Parks, Recreation and Marine gave a presentation regarding universally accessible playgrounds. The City Council has asked for public input from CACoD regarding this project. Mr. Hall asked that CACoD write a letter of support for this project.

Dan Rosenfeld, Community Relations Representative for Long Beach Transits discussed the changes that have occurred concerning the Los Angeles County Transit Operators Association (LACTOA) Disabled Identification Card Program. Dora Jones stated that Council member Lowenthal has asked CACoD for advise on this issue. Commissioner Dawson Harris motioned to form an Ad Hoc Committee to gather information on this issue and write a correspondence to Council member Lowenthal's office. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Ad Hoc Committee is comprised of Commissioners Shouse, Leonard and Serhan; Secretary Dawson Harris will serve as officer liaison. Commissioner Tate made a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Lejins seconded the motion. All were in favor. Commissioner Dawson Harris made a motion to add the Officers to the Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Easter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Dawson Harris made a motion to approve the amended Accessibility and Transportation Committee's 2004- 2005 Goals and Objectives. Commissioner Lejins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Tate made a motion to approve the 2004 – 2005 Goals and Objectives for Programs and Services. Commissioner Easter seconded the motion. 11 Commissioners were in favor, 2 were opposed. The motion carried. Commissioner Dawson Harris made motion for editing suggestions to the Goals and Objectives of the Programs and Services Committee. A discussion ensued. The motion was deferred until next month.

Due to time constraints, Commissioner Lejins made a motion to defer the amendment to repeal Article VI, Section 2 of the By-Laws until the next month. Commissioner Hansch seconded the motion. 10 Commissioners were in favor, 1 was opposed. Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chairperson Hagemann adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.